

# AN AUTOCRACY DIED WITH NICHOLAS ANOTHER WILL GO WITH WILHELM

NICHOLAS ROMANOFF, former czar of Russia and head of the church, ruler of half of Europe and much of Asia, is dead officially. The Russian wireless (official) out of Moscow announces his execution. His actual death probably occurred some time before the Bolshevik government saw fit to announce it officially. The official announcement, however, may be regarded as complete confirmation of the fact that none could be so interested in establishing the authenticity of the former czar's demise as the Lenin and Trotsky whose tenure of authority the existence of Nicholas continually menaced.

Things in Russia are mixed up most curiously. Lenin and Trotsky have been charged with being in German pay; with having, at German direction, engineered events leading up to the signature of the infamous Brest-Litovsk peace treaty by which Germany was given outright a large part of Russia and a mortgage on the rest. Maybe so. Indications lead color of truth to that assertion.

But Lenin and Trotsky hated the czar and probably sought means of getting him under the sod. They succeeded, apparently. If the Russian official statement is correct, Nicholas was shot dead, without trial, without a chance to defend himself, and his soul has gone to join the shades of other tyrants.

Now, if Lenin and Trotsky brought about the killing of Nicholas, they ran amuck in their capacity as German agents. Emperor William of Germany would never have assented to the execution of Nicholas. True, Russia, under the reign of Nicholas had been fighting Germany, but one searches in vain the documents emanating from Germany to find any charge, direct or implied, that the czar had anything to do with the war against Germany. Subordinates are blamed vituperatively; Nicholas, never.

Wilhelm II of Germany loved Nicholas of Russia, if his dour and gloomy face was ever capable of that emotion. The czar was a German princess of the royal line. Quite apart from that fact, Wilhelm and Nicholas were drawn to each other by sheer liking. Seldom has there been a friendship more strange, more striking, than that between the ruler of Berlin and the ruler of Russia. But it existed and the two rulers sought every opportunity, prior to 1914, to visit each other. When apart, they carried on a regular and frequent correspondence in most intimate terms. The "Willy-Nicky" letters illustrate that fact.

So it must have caused the German emperor grief when Nicholas was killed. He would have grieved Nicholas out of the country if he could. He has already facilitated the removal to safety of a number of members of the Russian royal family. Nicholas was too far away for the German agents to aid. He was kept for a time in Tobolsk, Siberia. He met his death near Yekaterinburg, on the east side of the Urals.

What is the special significance of the killing of the little individual called Nicholas Romanoff?

One of his many titles was "autocrat of all the Russias." He had the power of an autocrat. He had a despot's authority. He had life or death rule upon his subjects. He was the ruler of the world. His word was law. All the millions of Russia were as the earth under his feet. Then the earthquake came. The ground trembled and broke and engulfed Nicholas.

THUS PASSES OUT ONE AUTOCRAT. LET WILHELM Ponder on THAT FACT FOR SOME DAY THE GROUND MAY TREMBLE UNDER HIM AND BREAK. THE DAY OF DEMOCRACY IS IN RUSSIA. BOLSHIEVISM IS DEMOCRACY GONE MAD. IN TIME, IT WILL BECOME SAME, EXPERIENCE AND TRIBULATION WILL BE THE RESTORATIVES.

Democracy, rampant in Russia, has had its effect, already on the German troops in that country and on the hundreds of thousands of German and Austrian prisoners of war in Russia. They are prisoners only nominally. They wander the country, working on farms and in cities. They could return to Germany and Austria so far as Russia is concerned but Austria and especially Germany won't have them. They have been impregnated with the principles of democracy. Their despots are afraid of them. They might "contaminate" the deluded fools at home. It is the same with the Russian troops in Russia. There was a strong movement a month or two ago to evacuate nearly all of them and send them to the western front to bolster up the dwindling ranks of the imperial armies. They were needed badly then. They are needed more now. But they have not been transferred. They have the virus of democracy in their systems and it's catching. It might infect all Germany as the troops passed through. It might spread

through the army on the west front after the troops from Russia arrived. That would be a calamity for imperial Wilhelm and the house of Hohenzollern. Infection of the army or of the civilian population would cause havoc. Germany's masters have sufficient difficulty in holding down the strong factions of socialists who have a glimmering of democracy but are not yet ready to rise against autocracy. It would be impossible to hold forth against a populace or an army filled with democratic thought.

THE GROUND BROKE AND ENGULFED NICHOLAS. WILHELM, HIS FRIEND, IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP HIS OWN FOOTHOLD.

Wilhelm is undeniably strong, in his tyrannical way. Nicholas was undeniably weak. Therefore, Wilhelm hangs on more firmly than Nicholas. There are other factors, but this is the essential.

We on the outside of the iron circle know it is impossible for Germany to win. The time has passed when there is a chance, if we and all our allies keep up to the maximum effort. When the tide sets in strongly against Germany, when the German army begins to crumble before the allied assaults, when the stimulating influence of success is taken away from the German people and on the other hand the purpose of Germany keeps piling higher—then may come the deluge to overwhelm Wilhelm as it overwhelmed Nicholas.

It is already showing results in leveling the water table, according to reports of the farmers. It will have the same result in the case of the land under the Chamberlain and La Mesa ditches, and the improved distribution system will be a lasting benefit to all concerned.

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## Cooperate With U. S. R. S.

AN agreement is in circulation among the farmers under the Chamberlain and La Mesa ditches in the upper valley, the signing of which agreement by a majority of land owners will result in turning over the ditches to operation by the United States reclamation service. The reclamation service will undertake to reconstruct the distribution system where necessary and to provide drainage for the lands. The farmers will receive a credit on their water rights, as against the cost of the drainage and distribution systems.

It is expected this agreement will meet with no great opposition among the land owners and that it will soon go into effect. That ought to be the case. In the work of the reclamation service lies the only hope the farmers can have of settling their irrigation and drainage problems. It is to the interest of the farmers to show the utmost co-operative spirit with respect to the government service.

The drainage problem can be solved and is being solved in those parts of the valley where the work is under way. It is already showing results in leveling the water table, according to reports of the farmers. It will have the same result in the case of the land under the Chamberlain and La Mesa ditches, and the improved distribution system will be a lasting benefit to all concerned.

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## The Days of Real Sport



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## Little Interviews

### Mayfield Looks For The Resumption Of Building Here Soon With Good Bank Clerks Scarce, Mistakes Will Creep In

LOOK for a resumption of building activities in El Paso soon, because rental properties are filling up rapidly," said W. D. Mayfield, "all rental properties listed with me have been filled and a number of houses that we built for sale have been taken from the market because rentals have improved. I don't know what the cause of the improvement is and can't say exactly who the new comers in the city are."

"The terms 'blocker' and 'blocker' now have a definite meaning," said J. J. Harrity, chief clerk of exemption board No. 1. "A 'blocker' is one who fails to register. A 'blocker' is one who fails to answer a questionnaire and who has been certified to the adjutant general, and a 'blocker' is one who has been called to entrain for camp and failed to appear."

"There are probably more mistakes being made in banks today than ever before, and the reason for this is obvious," said Fred Villanueva, "one has to go no farther than to Yuleta to see the prosperity of the farmers. About half way to Yuleta there is a field of several acres of cotton on the Eugene Fox place that is in good shape as cotton can be. The stand is excellent and the plants are healthy and vigorous to a degree that indicates what wonders could be accomplished were the raising of this crop universally and scientifically."

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"In connection with the conservation of man power, materials and money, why not do away with the automobile jitney," said Winchester Cooley, "Doing away with the several jitney lines in this and other cities would result in the saving of a wonderful amount of gasoline, oil and men. Tires are short, gasoline is scarce and the government is doing everything in its power to save oil. If the jitney service was discontinued, all of these things would be saved. The action of the automobile dealers in closing at night and Sunday, selling supplies for cash, and other patriotic measures recommended by the government, is going to help, and the jitney men could help also. Let the customers of these buses walk, or ride on the street cars. The jitney driver could get work that would pay him better and work that would be much more beneficial to the government. This matter should be taken up by the council of defense, as it is a conservation measure that is important."

"The lower valley is looking splendid after the summer rains we have been having," said Fred Villanueva, "one has to go no farther than to Yuleta to see the prosperity of the farmers. About half way to Yuleta there is a field of several acres of cotton on the Eugene Fox place that is in good shape as cotton can be. The stand is excellent and the plants are healthy and vigorous to a degree that indicates what wonders could be accomplished were the raising of this crop universally and scientifically."

handed throughout the valley. A young orchard several months old has been put in on the right side of the road going out, by Dr. W. J. Warlock, and is thriving."

"Yuleta will be disgraced if it does not produce at least a dozen recruits for the El Paso company of Texas infantry," declared Alexander Chas. "There are several young men in this town that have no particular excuse for not going to war, and they certainly could not see service with a better organization. The matter has been advertised in Yuleta, so that ignorance is no excuse, and it is now up to some young man in the town to get busy and get a squad of his townsmen to enlist in the Texas infantry in a body."

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## Beauty Chats By Edna Kent Forbes

### Ancient Beauty Customs.

SOME of the customs in vogue in ancient and medieval times, seem rather curious and sometimes a little repulsive, and yet, there was a lot of wisdom in many of them. It is strange, too, in reading over some of the art employed to increase womanly charm, to see how present day fashions go back to old customs.

There is one, for example, only the faintest trace of fragrance in modern hair, though a few years ago quite a heavy scent was allowable. In ancient times, perfumes and sweet oils were used to produce



WE still think the woman of the house should wear the silk. We often wonder if the feller that rides a motorcycle don't feel like shakin' hands with himself when he gets home place.

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## Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

### Women Triumphant

THE woman barber is on deck; today she dyed my sideboards blue, and brushed some talcum on my neck, as well as any man could do. Her lily fingers held my nose, she lathered me with queenly grace, and tinted up the brush that grows around the borders of my face. Today I took a jitney ride; a woman driver held the wheel; she was as blooming as a bride, and full of business as an eel. And when I offered her in pay a bogus seven-dollar bill, she threw me an oar of a stack of bay with most surprising strength and skill. I went to shock some sheaves of wheat, that all the nations may be free; and, as I toiled on weary feet, a husky dame worked next to me. As counsel for James Pritchard Hose, in court I did my very best; a woman lawyer then arose, and knocked my logic galley west. While I was fighting with my wife I fell downstairs and broke a thigh; a woman surgeon brought a knife, and fixed me up as good as new. The men have gone to whip the Hun; their wives and daughters stay behind, to see that every duty's done, to carry on the ceaseless grind. Today I thought, with whoop and song, I'd celebrate a Hun defeat; a woman peeler came along, and pinched me, on Commercial street. A woman jailer saw me kneel contritely on the prison stones; a woman cadi heard my spiel, and put me down for fifteen bones.

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## Names In The News

Weltmacht—pronounced weltmakt, means world power, and refers to the German policy set forth by Bernhardi in his book, "Germany and the Next War." This policy is a plan of world conquest by silencing the autocratic powers against the democratic, and in the one which the military party in Germany is now trying to carry out.

Nowadays, a woman shows she is refined and careful of her appearance by keeping her hair manicured and polished. In ancient Egypt and among the Mohammedan women they did it by staining their nails bright orange red with henna. This red was supposed to make them much more beautiful. In those days, they stained their heels and toes with henna, they were extremely beautiful. This red orange color had to be renewed every month. It is said, however, that the henna restrained perspiration in the hands and feet and made life more comfortable in those hot countries. Henna was used to dye the hair, and authorities have it that Mahomet chained his beard on. Older women followed the henna with the hair of indigo which produced a jetty black, but children and horses were considered complete when the hair was made red. It has been thought that the custom was introduced among the earlier Jewish women by Solomon's wife, the daughter of Pharaoh.

In the days when France was running to wild extravagances and luxuries, prior to the revolution, the famous beauties preserved their looks by retreating to the country, one spring month out of every year, and living almost entirely on a diet of fresh vegetables. Of course, the advantages of this are evident: the blood, thickened by a diet of meat and heavy pastry, was thinned and purified by the orange juice, the skin was cleared and made beautiful again, and the whole system cleansed by the beneficial action of the fruit.

Ancient recipes for paints and rouge and dyes and ointments exist in abundance. Many of them have been handed down through generations, and are still in use. Most, however, are designed to hide the ugly marks left by unhygienic living and improper eating and drinking.

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